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TOPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

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REMARKS _____

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1. Prior to 9 May 1953, the barracks installation in Neuruppin were occupied as previously. From 24 April to 9 May, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training on 122-mm howitzers and 37-mm AA guns in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. At 2:30 on 4 May, three trucks each towing a 37-mm AA gun and occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. On 1 May, 504 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 492 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 135 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and carrying seven folded flags were observed marching from the direction of the barracks installations in the town toward the athletic field. At 11 a.m. on 8 May, 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and four trucks towing 120-mm mortars were seen near the target ranges. At 1:45 p.m., three trucks towing 122-mm howitzers were seen moving toward the Gentzrode estate. Between 11:45 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., 2 T-34 tanks, 9 T-43 tanks 2 JS-3 tanks, 4 JSU-122 guns, 1 sedan and 4 jeeps were seen at the training area on both sides of Wittstocker Allee.
2. Prior to 10 May, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were occupied as previously. At 8:30 a.m. on 8 May, 14 trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun and occupied by 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 8 trucks each with 4 portable 82-mm mortars and 4 sidecar motorcycles were observed coming from the Panzer Kaserne and proceeding toward Lindow via Wulkow. From 28 April to 10 May, soldiers receiving training on three 122-mm howitzers and infantry training at group level; and details each of 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and heavy machine guns leaving for Stoeffiner Weg were seen in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne almost daily. On 9 May, eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed cleaning a 85-mm AA gun. Prior to 10 May, no loading operations were observed. Motor vehicle supply traffic was normal.
- On 29 and 30 April, the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin was occupied to capacity by an estimated 3,500 to 4,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 29 April, several

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25X1 groups of a total of about 250 soldiers were seen going to the bathing
 25X1 installation. At 6 p.m., T-44 tanks [redacted] and 40 soldiers
 25X1 receiving training in the terrain [redacted] were seen on
 the road to Zechlin. On 30 April, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors
 wearing tank insignia were seen walking to the installation.

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4. On 29 and 30 April, the See Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200
 to 1,400 soldiers including some wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 with tank insignia.

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5. On 29 and 30 April, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied by 800
 to 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some
 with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 30 April, 40 soldiers
 organized in groups of 10 soldiers each were seen drilling and receiving
 firing training in the barracks yard.

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25X1 Comment. The installations were occupied by units of the
 12th Gds Tank Div prior to 9 and 10 May as they were reported by

25X1 [redacted] in late April. [redacted]

25X1A . Only the 32 x 82-mm mortars which, according to
 paragraph 2 of the present report, allegedly left the Fridericus
 Kaserne or Panzer Kaserne cannot be accounted for, as only the 34th
 Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the division is equipped with such a number of
 25X1A these mortars and this regiment is not carried in that installation.

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